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Congressman Lewis sets the record straight

Dear Will,

I wanted to be sure you saw my floor speech on Wednesday, September 13, 2006. I am concerned that the debate in Washington has moved beyond partisan bickering, and that some Republican Members of Congress have stooped to the lowest levels – playing on Americans' fears and attacking Democrats who exercise their Constitutional rights and fulfill



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their duty to fully debate the important issues of our day - all for the sake of preserving their stranglehold on power in Washington. It is time for a New Direction in America.

Sincerely,

John Lewis

Member of Congress

The text of Congressman Lewis' speech can be found below:

The statement made by Majority Leader Boehner was shameful and disgraceful. To suggest that my fellow Democrats care more about protecting the terrorists than the American people is not right. It is not fair. It is not just. It is not the American way.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats will not stand by and let a single attack go unanswered. You may play the politics of fear. You may question the patriotism of those who use their constitutional right to criticize this Administration. But this dog will not hunt. This dog just will not hunt.

The American people know better. They want this nation to take a new path. They want to move in a different direction. They want leaders who respect the dignity and the values of our democracy. We cannot defend democracy abroad, if we don't practice it here at home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



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